

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place," Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance," Acts 2:4.

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WALKING IN TRUTH

T. S. Payne

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." 3 John 4.

In all ages God has had special plans and laws especially adapted to each special age or dispensation. But in all His dealings with the human family He has been especially careful that the people of each generation or dispensation should have the necessary attention and instructions that would enable them to walk in the light given unto them that in the end they should appear before Him in the judgment without excuse.

When God created man and placed him in the garden of Eden, He first offered him the blessings of that beautiful place, but gave him a law to keep, that in so doing he would be the recipient of the blessings that naturally follow obedience to God. He also attached the penalty for disobedience.

When God called Abraham, he obeyed, not knowing where he would go. He was just willing to listen to God and walk in His truth. Just to know it was the voice of God was all he wanted, for he had it settled in his mind and heart to follow Him at any cost.

Moses was willing to walk in truth and even go down into Egypt and lead the children of Israel out of bondage, but he did not go until he had reminded God that he was not qualified, as though God was unable to fix him up for the task. He had called upon him to perform. Lot, no doubt, wanted to be on the mountain top where God commanded him to go, but something suggested that he would fare just as well in the city of Zoar, but alas! for that little city and all the cities of the plain, and all the inhabitants of the plain, God rained fire and brimstone and destroyed all who refused to walk in His truth.

Elijah started to the top of the mountain where God had a great blessing in store for him, but was no doubt surprised when the angel of the Lord appeared to him under the juniper tree and aroused him from his slumber; but soon the angel found him asleep again and awoke him the second time, and he saw a nice cake and a cruse of water close by and heard the command, "Arise and eat" because the journey is too great for thee. He did as the angel had said and went in the strength of that meat for forty days and forty nights unto Horeb, the Mount of God.

The next time we hear of him he is lodged in a cave and the voice of the Lord is crying out to him. "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

He at once began to tell the Lord how good and obedient he had been and also how disobedient the children of Israel had been.

They had even forsaken the Lord's covenant, thrown down His altars, and had slain the prophets with the sword. Poor old Elijah was the only one left and they were after him.

Right here God gave him a command to go forth and stand upon the mount before the Lord. No doubt Elijah got in a hurry to go, for about this time the Lord passed by and a great strong wind rent the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces.

When all this was scarcely over, before Elijah had time to make his plans or take his

leave to the mountain top there came a great earthquake and after the earthquake a fire, and the Word tells us the Lord was in none of these.

About this time Elijah appeared at the entering in of the cave with his mantle wrapped about his face ready to listen to the voice of the Lord and to walk in His truth. "What doest thou here Elijah?"

He still maintained his integrity but said the children of Israel had acted badly, even to the slaying of all the prophets except himself.

The Lord here told him to go on to the Wilderness of Damascus and when you get there you may anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. Anoint Jehu to be king over Israel. Anoint Elisha to be a prophet in your room.

Jehu shall slay all the people who escape from Hazael. All who escape from Jehu, Elisha shall slay. Beside all this God had left to His credit in the camp of Israel seven thousand who had not kissed nor bowed their knees to Baal.

Elijah went from here and found Elisha plowing in the field and threw his mantle on him, and Elisha ran after him and said, "Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee."

Elisha followed on even across the Jordan till Elijah was taken up from him, and Elijah's mantle fell on him, then he returned to the other side of Jordan from whence he had come doing the same things Elijah had been doing.

If we walk in truth, following in the footsteps of Jesus we may expect great things of Him. He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father. John 14:12.

When Jesus told His disciples to go to Jerusalem, they went, and when He said "Tarry till ye be endued with power from on high" they would not leave that place till they had received the promise of the Father. And when He said they would receive power after the Holy Ghost came, they would not be satisfied with one thing less than perfect obedience to all the Savior had said.

The result of this close walking in truth was that they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

After this experience Jesus sent the twelve out with very strict orders as to where He wanted them to go, and where He did not want them to go, and exactly what He wanted them to say. Notice, He told them to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. 10:6-8.

If we follow closely these faithful men of God, we shall find them observing everything the Lord commanded them, and great power and victory followed them wherever they went.

At Luke the 10th chapter we see where He appointed other seventy and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come.

Please do not be afraid to go where He sends you, for He will not ask you to go to some

place where He will not go before you and make the way possible for you to go all the way with Him.

He told the seventy they were going forth as lambs among wolves; but He reminded them that the harvest truly was great but the laborers were few.

After going where He said go, and doing all He said for them to do, they had the privilege of meeting Him on their return and telling Him that even the devils were subject unto them through His name.

Just here the Lord informed them that He had seen Satan as lightning fall from heaven. He also said, "I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

This same Lord is alive yet, and forever more, thank God, and is able to do more for us than we ask or even think.

Let us follow closely after Him and obey His precious Word, so He can say of us as He did of these faithful ones, that our names are written in heaven.

When the question arose as to who the world had decided that Jesus really was He asked His disciples, "Whom do ye say that I am?" Peter at once replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

He replied to Peter, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the

gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

This is the first time in the New Testament that we have found any mention made of the Church.

The Lord's faithful few had all along the way been looking for something special and now He had broken the news to them. However, as usual, they seemed to be unable to comprehend just what He meant by the "Church."

During His first association with them it was hard for them to understand what He meant when He mentioned the kingdom to them. Even when He told them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, they asked Him, "Are you going to restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

Of course they wanted to know things and He wanted them to know, but He had His own way of teaching them.

They had to follow on and walk in truth to learn the blessed lessons that made them love Him better and be more anxious to follow Him further, and see just what He still had in store for them. This close walk with Jesus, instead of being a burden to those who mean to follow all the way in His truth, soon becomes a real pleasure.

These faithful followers of the Lord were special admirers of His person, that is His "body."

Later on His body is called "The Church." We are followers of His body also—The Church.

(Watch the next issue of the Evangel.)

CLEVELAND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GETTING BUSY

Angeline Keene

It is with pleasure that I introduce to you our Missionary Training Class, which has recently been organized in the Cleveland Church, by our young people at this place.

There has been a great need of something on this order; not only here, but I feel that it is necessary and needful that every Church be organized along this line, and have their young people at work, in every way possible, toward the promotion of the Lord's work everywhere, both at home and abroad.

We have had only two meetings thus far, but we feel that the Lord's approval has been upon us from the very beginning, and we are going forward with great zeal and courage, that we may accomplish something in the name of the Lord.

The interest of the young people is steadily increasing; nearly all of them attend; and one result of the Class, which we have noticed up to this time, is that it causes them to take greater interest in the other services, also the Sunday school, which is on fire for God, and doing a great work for Him.

We organized last Tuesday night with Sister Bertie Harrison as our leader, who is certainly a worthy one. I will say here that we consider ourselves very fortunate indeed to have such a competent leader as she, and should the time come when we have to give her up, we do not believe we will be able to find any one who can fill her place, unless the Lord supplies the one from some unseen source.

Perhaps you would like to know something of the nature of our work. In our services each Tuesday night, we have a leader appointed to conduct the devotional exercises, which

consist of many good songs, prayers and Scripture readings. We then have Bible studies, which are very interesting and helpful. It is a regular little Bible School. Then we proceed with different kinds of instructive work, which we may term as miscellaneous.

We have a president, vice president and secretary. The president is expected to look after the interest of the class in general, appoint a leader each time for the meetings, and give any helpful instructions necessary for the progress of said organization. Miss Vivian Haworth, a dear sweet girl, who has fully consecrated her young life to the Lord, has been duly selected to fill this worthy office. This being well done, we heartily enjoin God's blessings upon her.

Sister Harrison appoints one member of the Class each week to write a long letter of commendation and encouragement to Sisters Rushin and Yingst, who are so faithfully laboring in the vineyard so far from home. We also have a little bank, the contents of which, when it is filled, we shall send to these noble sisters and missionaries.

All of our class are expected to meet one half hour before the regular appointed hour of our young people's meeting on Friday night, and be found praying the entire time for the ensuing service, the missionaries, and those who are in need everywhere. There has also been a member of the Class appointed to look after this feature, and see that every one is found faithful and on the job, as we realize, to some extent, the value of prayer.

We solicit the prayers and

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A Specialist, Located on the Main Street

R. J. Lee

When a specialist comes in to your city, there are scores or perhaps hundreds of sufferers who will visit him, to be healed of chronic diseases which the ordinary physicians have failed to cure.

Many times these so-called specialists are only fakes and are not so near able to cope with the disease as perhaps some of the home physicians are. The cause of such a rush to the new man is the advertising scheme he has adopted. This is very often the case with the so-called great evangelists who attract large crowds. They can't preach near so well as some of our home ministers, but they have gained a great reputation through advertising schemes.

Now let me tell you of a real specialist who has a reputation above all ministers and even above all physicians. I have read about how the thousands have flocked to Him and heard His gracious words. They say that no man can come up with Him in preaching. Talk about a preacher. I would have gone thousands of miles to have heard Him. He would hold the people for hours almost spell bound, they would sometimes forget to eat. Not only is He a great preacher, but He is the greatest Physician that has ever lived. Speaking of hard cases, old chronic diseases that will not yield to the treatment offered by other physicians, He doesn't ask anything any odds. In fact I believe He likes for the hard cases to come to Him. While He heals head-aches, cramps, weakness, slight pains, etc. He especially delights for the hard cases to come. This is the reason I refer to Him as a "specialist."

I will make mention of some special cases that I actually know of this Specialist healing. I saw a Sister Dilbeck who was paralyzed and did not know when they carried her to this Great Physician, but she was actually healed. At that time her arm was also healed, which she hadn't been able to use for years, also her eyes were healed. At a later date she again called on this Physician and was healed of a chronic running sore on one of her lower limbs. She never thinks of going to any other physician.

I saw two men carry a little cripple boy to this Specialist and the boy was entirely healed. This boy's leg was drawn close up to his body.

Also those two men carried a woman who was drawn with rheumatism and the woman came out of the bed healed by this Great Physician.

I have seen large tumors leave at once when the parties were brought to this Physician.

I have never heard of any physician that can actually cure a cancer. They may burn them out, but they show up again somewhere, but let me tell you that this Specialist has healed many cancers. I am witness to this fact on several patients.

I saw the ordinary physicians fail on a small boy whose case they had pronounced white swelling in his leg, their last hope was to amputate his leg, but the parents decided to try this Specialist and the consequence was, the boy was nearly well in one week's time and walked over a mile to show the home physicians that he was healed.

I saw a little child whose face was covered with a solid sore, it looked most like a colored child, the sore being dark. The parents had tried many physicians, but every one failed, until at last they decided to try this Specialist and the consequence was the child was soon well.

I have seen many cases of pellagra that had been given up by the physicians, then this noted Physician was called upon and the parties were soon healed.

Sister Allen's little child was almost covered with a solid scale on her body, but this Great Physician was recommended to them and the child was soon well. Sister Allen's home is at Morristown, Tenn.

Sister Anna Goins was seriously sick and all the physicians of the town had failed; her throat had closed up until she couldn't swallow. She was just about to starve to death, but finally they decided to give this wonderful Specialist a trial. She was soon well.

I could just go on and on telling of the wonderful healings accomplished through this Great Healer, but will mention no more, than to say that not only have I seen these cases mentioned above and will vouch for the truth of the matter, but will state that I have come in touch with this Great Man, this Great Healer or Specialist myself, and have actually been healed. The first trial I gave Him was about fifteen years ago. He healed me of a serious case of rheumatism. I couldn't turn myself in bed, but He soothed the pain and gave me strength, in fact He completely delivered me.

At another time I had a serious sore on my throat, it was thought to be a cancer, but He healed me and the thing came out by the roots.

Now more recently, my system was run down, I became bilious, my liver very inactive, also my heart and other organs affected, also I was racked with serious rheumatic pains, it was terrible; seemed as though I could stand no more, but knew that it wouldn't do to call the smaller, worldly physician of the city, for I had in times past been spoiled as it were, since trying the Great Physician, and I couldn't think of turning from Him, so my case was put in His hands. He didn't issue any poisonous drugs nor even take me through a rubbing process, but diffused something over my body like an electrical current that drove out every pain and gave me strength. I will say it was truly wonderful. It is good for us to sometimes have to suffer to keep us reminded that the Specialist is still at His office and delights to heal suffering humanity.

At His Office
At His office? Yes, He never goes on a pleasure trip, hunting, fishing, etc., but you may find Him most any hour, that is, if you will be diligent in the effort.

What is His fee? O He would like for you to give Him all you have, that means consecrate your life all unto His service.

Where is His office? He is located near the beautiful river that runs right in the center of the main street of the City of the New Jerusalem.

How do we get to Him? By

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A sister writes from N. C. wanting to adopt a little girl about eight years old. She can give it a good education. If any one is interested, write this office.

ARISE AND SHINE

C. F. Hollandsworth

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. Isa. 60:1, 2.

We notice the first clause "Arise, shine;" This means the Church must arise above everything pertaining to the world, and put on the robes of righteousness, and shine.

When each member digs down to rock bottom and gets on a solid foundation, (that is the rock Christ Jesus) and begin to all pull together with one mind and one accord, speaking the same thing, then will the Church shine. "Arise," this means we are to get above the low plain of evil speaking, backbiting, tongue lashing, envy, perverse disputing, that discourages the hearers instead of drawing them to Jesus.

Oh, that every child of God would climb out of the low pits of contention, self exaltation, back-biting and climb upon the mountain top of God's eternal truths and preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Awake! Awake! put on thy strength, Oh Zion, Oh Jerusalem. Isa. 52:1.

There are too many souls going down to destruction for the saints of God to stand and point a finger of scorn at their brother or sister and say, "I am holier than thou." Oh that this class could see and discharge their duty toward God and man, and help the little weak lambs to be safely housed, in the Church of God, instead of driving them away and crippling others.

May God help us to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Heb. 12:1.

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. Isa. 58:1.

It is time for the saints of God to fall on our faces and pour our hearts out to God in behalf of this lost and dying generation, instead of quibbling over the past, or some idea they can't agree upon.

We are living in perilous times, when the devil as a roar-

ing lion is going about seeking whom he may devour.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10:12.

Let us arise and lift the blood stained banner, higher and higher, humbling ourselves before God, so that the signs may follow believers as they did in the early Church. We know the Lord is the same, and if we, His followers, obey His commandments, we will fall behind in no gift. 1 Cor. 1:7.

The world is looking for something beyond the ordinary. They are disgusted with formality. They want to see the power of God manifested, the sick healed, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and all the signs following believers.

Let us arise and shine, we will not have to make an effort within ourselves to shine, but just keep ourselves under the precious blood and filled with the Spirit, then we will shine without an effort.

Truly we must shine with the glory of God to be able to enter the pearly gates. Oh if we miss Heaven, we miss all.

May God help us to draw nearer Him, and not be satisfied until we know we are in the center of His will.

WHICH DOG ARE YOU?

Mrs. HESSIE E. COLE

I am so glad I know it is well with my soul. I meet people so often who have a doubt about this question. A professing Christian said to me, "How dare any one say they are saved?"

The question startled me, coming from a wonderful church worker. I have no doubt but what the person was honest. This person would work hard in any office you put them in, give money, time and talent, was upright, and still did not know what it meant to be saved. To really know you are saved is the only password with which we will ever get into Heaven. The reason you do not know is because you do not pray, pray, pray and ask God. If you wanted to know what happened to your loved ones would you ask some one you knew, or would you never ask, and always wonder.

Ask God if you are saved, and if you are in earnest you will soon know. Stay on your knees until you get the answer. The apostle Paul said, "Pray without ceasing," and "In every thing give thanks."

Don't ask your pastor, neighbor, husband, or wife, or any one whether you are saved, sanctified or baptized with the Holy Ghost, or about speaking in other tongues, etc. Get down before the Lord in dead earnest and you will know, not wonder, or have the least doubt. Oh I am so glad we can know.

I saw two dogs in my yard a few days ago; if you will permit me I will illustrate with same.

One dog was brown and fat I will call him "Brownie"; the other so poor we could count his ribs at a distance, him we will call "Skinny." Both apparently were hungry and I tossed some dry bread. Brownie gobbled all he could carry in his mouth and ran away to eat; but not so for skinny. He was particular. After grabbing several pieces, finding them hard and not meat, he ran from one to the other, then to the ash heap, fluttering around and getting nowhere. By this time Brownie was back for more and without hesitation repeated his action. When all the bread was gone but one piece, Skinny picked up the hard crust of bread, dropped it and repeated his fluttering. Brownie then took the hard crust of bread and held tightly to it with his feet, until the last crumb was gone.

I said, "Yea, Lord, there is a good lesson for us in these days." So many people are hungry for salvation, they say. But they are fluttering here and there, and they don't get anywhere. Why? Because they are not satisfied to eat, and digest what they already know about the Bible, and ask God to help them eat the hard part, or the bitter.

We say people must be saved (John 3:16), that is to repent of their sins; and be sanctified by the blood of Jesus (Heb. 2:11), which is only a cleansing

of the heart, a clean mind, clean conversation, clean body; and then be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. (Acts 2:4.)

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead "shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. 8:11), which puts the glory down in your soul, so you can say, "Glory to God"—and oh what a comfort, what a joy. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." (Psa. 100:1.)

Many have been told how to get something to satisfy that longing and make them fat. Now they start picking, fluttering around, just like the skinny dog did. They ask the pastor or neighbor, what he thinks of these, "Tongues People." Well he says, "They are beside themselves. Of course they are good conscientious people, but their way of worshiping is all un called for in this day and age. I presume you know a lot more they say, but while they are grabbing a bite, dropping it and running to the ash heap fluttering around; thank God there are a few fat "Brownies," who are getting fat on the hard crusts of bread. They are putting their feet on the hard circumstances and gnawing away and God is making them fat on the Word of God, and making their faces to shine with joy and their hearts glad. Oh, glory to God! Don't you want to go with us and get the inner man fed up?

You see that this body gets up in the morning, gets washed dressed, hair combed, and partakes of three meals a day; but what are you doing for the inner man? He needs to pray and feed on God's Word (just as your natural man needs food) to keep him nourished. You must draw from the fountain of life, which never runs dry.

Don't be so particular about what you want to do for God. Let Him do the planning, and if He wants you to eat hard crusts, or do some hard job, I am sure if you will eat, you will be satisfied. Thank God, there is a day coming when we can look back and shout over the hard places we have gone through.

Paul, Stephen and all the saints of old, who have eaten the hard crusts, are feasting on the other side, because they held out to the end.

What dog are you going to be?

LOVE

Mrs. J. M. SANDERS

The word LOVE conveys to our minds a subject of great meaning. It is a God given principle, that in some way appeals to every living creature. It does not dwell alone in the heart of the human family, but it reaches down to the lower animals, even to the very least of God's creation.

God is Love

He created man in His own image. When man transgressed God's law, and much wickedness prevailed on the earth, it grieved the great heart of God that He had made man. Nevertheless, that divine love was not destroyed, for "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That wonderful love redeemed man from his fallen state and placed him on redemption's platform.

This same Jesus, who manifested such love for mankind, commanded, that His followers love one another as He has loved them.

Generally speaking, the spirit of love when properly cultivated and put into practice, will touch the hardest heart; and also through this medium, the animal kingdom may be brought under subjection.

The term love may be studied from different angles. In many instances Christ's command is to practice love in various ways; while on the other hand, His orders are to refrain from loving anything that is detrimental to His cause. Therefore we deem it, not only a privilege, but a Christian duty to concede to the following Scripture:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, soul, mind, and strength. And thy neighbor as thyself." There is none other commandment greater than these.

THE ORIGIN OF EVIL

The Beginning of the Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan

Gilford E. TIPPINS.

The great controversy between good and evil, that has been waged on earth ever since man's fall, had its origin when certain angels rebelled against God and His government.

There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceived the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev. 12:7-9. Thus came the forces of evil into this world, which have been working through all the ages to draw men from the love of God, and to infuse into human hearts the same spirit of disobedience which wrought the ruin of Satan and his angels.

The Cause of the Downfall.

Christ stated the principle thus: If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness. Matt. 6:23. This principle finds its utmost application in the great reversal, by which Lucifer, the light bearer, became Satan, the adversary, the prince of darkness.

In the pride and self-exaltation of Tyre of old, the Lord saw manifested the spirit of the god of this world; so in declaring His message of rebuke to the Prince of Tyre, the Lord described the cause and history of Satan's fall. Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God. *** Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. *** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Eze. 28:13-17.

Likewise, in the swelling pride of Babylon; the Lord recognized the spirit of the leader of the rebellious angels. In one of the messages to Babylon, is this reference to the vaulting spirit of Lucifer. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isa. 14:12-14.

Lucifer, his power now perverted to evil, deceived many of the angels, persuading them to join him in rebellion against the government of God, with the result that Satan and all his host were cast out. Christ said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." The Earth as a Battle Ground

Then the great controversy which began in Heaven was transferred to this earth and now centers around man. For "that old Serpent," the leader of the fallen angels, deceived man and persuaded him to distrust God, and to choose his own way, in preference to God's way. Thus came sin and death into the world; and Satan, who had overcome man at the forbidden tree, became by his own usurpation and by man's perfidy, the Prince of the world.

Christ gave Himself to save man, to deliver him from the bondage of sin, and to restore him to the glorious liberty of the Sons of God. The same mighty power that overcame Satan and his angels in Heaven, is able to overcome his power in human hearts and lives. The controversy is still between Christ and Satan; and man's salvation or destruction is the aim of the contending forces.

There is no neutral ground.

Every soul must choose as to which side he will yield allegiance. In this choice lies his eternal destiny. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are, to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom. 6:16. Therefore the Lord pleads with men, "Choose life." Every soul that chooses life has the promise of it, for Christ is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.

The Judgment Upon Satan

From the time of Satan's rebellion, it was assured by the very omnipotence of God that there would come a last judgment, when evil would be destroyed from the universe. This execution of judgment upon the fallen angel; is thus referred to by Jude. The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness; unto the judgment of the great day. The evil spirits themselves know that this day is coming. When Christ was about to cast certain of them out of one who was possessed, they cried out, "Art thou come hither to torment us?" Matt. 8:29.

Though the judgment of that last day was originally set for Satan and his angels, unrepentant men will have a part in it, because they have joined Satan in his lawless rebellion. To the wicked it will be said, depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil, and his angels. Matt. 25:4.

Satan sees that the day is hastening; and the shorter the time in which to work, the greater his fury in seeking to draw souls to perdition.

The warning comes to us in these last days. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12.

Christ's second coming ends the reign of Satan in this world. The wicked are slain by the consuming glory of Christ's coming. 2 Thes. 2:8. The righteous are taken to Heaven beyond the reach of Satan's arts. 1 Thes. 4:16-17. The archfiend and his angels are thus left upon the earth devoid of human beings. Here he is chained for a thousand years, in this pit of desolation. Rev. 20:2-5. His only companions the angels, who fell with him. His only occupation, the reflection of the ruin he has wrought and the contemplation of the destruction that still awaits him, by the second resurrection that of the wicked dead.

After the thousand years—Satan is again set free, to ply his arts upon his subjects. As the Holy City comes down out of Heaven from God, with all the saints, Satan gathers his angels, and all the forces of all the lost of all the ages, to make an assault upon the City. The result was shown to the prophet in vision. They went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:9-10.

This is the fate awaiting the author of sin, in the account of Satan's pride and self exaltation uttered by the prophet in the message to Tyre. There occurs also this prophecy of the utter destruction that awaits him, when he shall bring his forces against the City of God in that last conflict. "I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee. Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more."

This is the final victory of Christ over evil in the great controversy that began in heaven.

Satan exalted himself and lost. Christ humbled Himself even unto the death—and won the eternal triumph. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood he also himself, likewise took part

of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death that is, the devil. Heb.2:14.

May God help us win this great battle for Jesus, is my prayer. Amen.

ETERNITY

A. A. CARPENTER

You will find my text in Isa. 57:15. For thus saith the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

So we see here just who will dwell in His great habitation with Him, and who are the ones He will take great pleasure in blessing and making fit subjects to be His happy guests, while eternal ages roll on and on until lost in a great and long eternity.

Who does He say, the proud and lofty? Oh no; but they that are humble and of a contrite spirit. Here then is where we will need the Spirit of our Christ. Oh are we not glad that He has made it possible for us to have it? Yes, yes, a thousand times yes; for this is going to make us fit subjects to be ushered into the very presence of our God. Oh, glory! my very soul is overwhelmed with joy, as I think of that eventful moment when I shall stand side by side with my Savior and have Him present me to His Father as one that He has redeemed and sanctified with His own blood. Well praise God forever! What an exalted position this will be; and what a joy to know that it will surely be ours if we live humble and faithful to our trust and calling until He comes.

Was there any one with God before this world was? Oh yes our Lord, the One we love so much, was there, for we hear Him say in His prayer Jno. 17, and the last clause of the 24th verse, Oh listen: hear Him pray that we may be with Him where He is, and that we may behold the glory that His Father and our God has given Him for He loved Him before the foundation of the world.

Oh how I wish I could have a greater love and appreciation, of the love of our God and His son Jesus Christ. Methinks when I have been there with them and the holy angels about ten thousand years, I shall be better able to appreciate Him than I do now. Then to go on, and on with Him throughout all eternity, be permitted to live with God and His son Jesus Christ, and together become inhabitants of that beautiful country where we will be happy forever and ever will be wonderful.

Oh dear brother, sister, friend, pray stop one single moment and think of the untold thousands of precious souls that are going into eternity, without any hope in our Jesus, although they have heard the pleading of the sweet voice of Jesus, saying, "Son, daughter, give me thine heart." But they toss their lofty heads and rush on, in their mad career, trampling under foot the mercies of God, and the blood of Jesus, His dear sons, until overtaken by justice and hurled into eternity unprepared. Then how awful it will be to hear those warning words still ringing in their ears, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ," but, alas, it is too late. They would gladly pray now, but they have gone where no pardoning Savior will hear their cry. They can only join with the shrieks and cries of the damned.

While eternity goes on, and the Scriptures still fresh in their memories, after millions of years have past they will look up and see it written in letters of raging fire on the flames in hell, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Now brother, sister, friend, this long eternity is before us all, so let us candidly ask ourselves, where will we spend it? My God help us to make the wise choice and be able to spend eternity with Jesus in glory.

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J. B. ELLIS, Superintendent

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You can't afford to miss it. Whether you expect to serve in the ministry or not, a course in this school will be of untold value to you. It helps to get you started right in the study of God's Word. Among all the students who have attended this school, not one can be found who does not bless the day he entered.

Our last term was one among the best in the history of the school. Many of the students have expressed their gratitude for having had the privilege of attending, and say it is of more value to them than anything that has come to them in their Christian lives.

Are you already a minister and on the field? Come one term and see if you will not feel inclined to continue the course until you complete it.

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You will be expected to buy your own books, tablets and pencils extra.

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You will not be expected to leave the school during school hours without permission.

You will not be expected to loiter around town at any time.

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Any demonstration of love making will not be tolerated by the faculty. If you can't refrain from this, please stay away.

You will be expected to attend Sunday night, and Friday night services.

No bad language or unbecoming conduct will be allowed anywhere.

No smoking, or chewing, or using tobacco in any form will be allowed.

You will be required to retire before 9:30 P. M. and be ready for breakfast at 6:30 A. M.

The girls will do the ironing and pressing for themselves and the boys.

The boys will be required to keep the school room in order and heated.

Both boys and girls will be required to keep their rooms in perfect order.

You will be required to comply with such other regulations

as are necessary to good order and government.

J. B. Ellis.

Wonderful Outpouring of the Spirit at Louisville, Ky.

I have just closed a three weeks revival at this place. God wonderfully blessed. Brother Muncy was with me the first few days, also Brother Fore was with me the first six days. They both did some wonderful preaching. There were twenty-two saved, eight sanctified and five baptized with the Holy Ghost according to the pattern in Acts 2:4. Three were added to the Church.

Waves of God's glory would sway the saints at times and they would greatly enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Brother Fore came in a few days before the meeting closed. He is going from here to Camp Knox for a few days and then to the Salem District Convention. Brother Fore is truly doing a wonderful work for the Lord in Kentucky. The people all appreciate his great love and care shown them.

I am glad to say that I now have the grand privilege of going with Brother J. B. Ellis to W. Frankfort, Ill. We are expecting a great outpouring of the Spirit in Illinois.

I hope and trust that all who have the privilege of reading this will breathe a prayer for us while we are there.

Your humble brother out in the behalf of lost humanity for Christ,

William S. Matheny.

WORKING IN FLORIDA

The Lord is blessing His people in many ways and in many places for which we appreciate and thank Him, from whom all blessings flow. We arrived in Jacksonville, Fla. Feb. 7th and began a meeting that lasted twelve days. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues, as the waves of glory seemed to pass over us one after another until the meeting closed. It seemed that the Spirit of the Lord would get into the stringed instruments and make real heavenly music. It brought past to present, seemingly while being with dear Brother Ellis in Tennessee.

One or two were saved and the altar was filled with hungry hearts from far and near.

We met the State Overseer there and we are still with him at Williston, Fla. The Lord is honoring truth and right. We expect to go farther South to try to help some poor wandering seamen land safely in the port.

The four Bible School Band Boys.

REVIVAL IN ATLANTA, GA.

Dear Evangel Family:

A revival is now on in Atlanta. The fire of God is illuminating the saints and the building. O 'tis wonderful to see the peculiar workings of the Holy Ghost. The revival began Friday night, February 22, with a mighty uprising of much people in praise. As the congregation sat in amazement, the winds from heaven stirred the saints with violent shaking. The fire of God was dazzling the eyes of some surprised but happy people, with an electrical display over the heads of the saints on the rostrum. This was not a mirage, nor fanatical imagining, but was testified as a fact by reliable people.

The revival is not the pastors, although he has delivered recently, some of the sermons of truth that brought about the renewing strength to the Church.

Sunday night one received

the Holy Ghost. The services through the week were a continuation of the soul convicting, saving and sanctifying power. Others have received the Holy Ghost, several have been blessed, and the heavenly atmosphere is sensed as you enter the big church building. The altars are filled without preaching. The Holy Ghost seems to persuade people to come before the service begins.

The ark of God is in the midst of Israel again, and the spiritual Israelites are able to shout, to the strength of their lungs. The Atlanta saints realize this, and a mighty awakening can be heard for blocks, as the shout of the armies of Israel was heard in the Philistine camp in Samuel's day.

I believe this great manifestation of early Pentecostal showers is merely a prelude to the heavy rain. The latter day clouds are about to burst forth upon us.

As the revival was of the Holy Ghost in the beginning, we are depending on Him to dictate when it shall end.

The work here is not handicapped, the Holy Ghost is dominant. The pastor is "one man of God," and the Church is flourishing. The Spirit, power and love of Jesus Christ is evidence of unity among the saints.

A Spirit-filled brother,
Garner J. W. Wilkins,
372 Hemphill Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.

A SPECIALIST

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way of wireless message. (Prayer and faith.)

Does He have any special instructions for His patients? Yes, the Bible.

What are some items of advice I may refer to in this Book of instructions? See James 5: 13-19. Psalms 103:3. Matt. 8:17, Acts 10:38. Ex. 15:26. Luke 9:11, Matt. 4:23, Matt. 8:7; 10:1. Jesus the same today. Heb. 13:8. Ask what thou wilt, Mark 6:22, 23. If you ask in faith, Jas. 1:6.

These are a few explanations of what to do to get healing from this Great Physician.

I want to be an advertising agent for this Great Specialist. I am anxious to laud Him above all others. I know that He will do what He says, and you need not be afraid to risk Him. If you are very sick and weak in disease, you may safely put your case in His hand, and I know if you will follow His instructions in detail you may expect nothing else but a complete recovery. I speak from authority because His Word is back of the statement.

I sympathize with all sufferers, because I have suffered, but this Great Physician has suffered more than I. He therefore is ready to relieve you. Try Him.

CLEVELAND YOUNG FOLKS BUSY

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cooperation of every young person in all the Churches everywhere. We would be glad to hear from any one at any time, with regards to this great work, and we would also be pleased to hear of other Missionary Training Classes being organized throughout all the states. God's blessing be upon you every one, is our prayer.

A CORRECTION

My notice in a recent issue of The Evangel should have read "The Church of God at Detroit, Mich.," instead of "at Mich."

We are located temporarily at 6128 Lawton, and have services every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:45 P. M., also Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. Sunday, followed by saints meeting. "Come over and help us."

M. P. Cross, Pastor,
1156 Stanley Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

NOTICE OF KENTUCKY STATE ASSEMBLY

To all the Church of God Members and Friends in Kentucky: Be it known that our State Assembly will convene at Williamsburg, Ky., May 8-11, 1924.

All ministers, deacons and clerks are expected to attend this Assembly, and be prepared to give a full report of the work in his parish, that is to tell how many members there were at the first of the year and how many new members have been taken in, also all things that will be of interest to the church in general. If there be churches which have no pastors, they are expected to send some one to tell of their need and to give a report of that church, or churches. Where there is no pastor the deacon or clerk can bring in the report. We want every church to be represented at this great meeting. We say great meeting, for we expect it to be the greatest convention ever held in the State of Kentucky.

All members and friends of the Church of God ought to attend this convention. It will be a time when the government of the Church and her doctrines will be fully explained. If you are not sure that you know just what the teachings of the Church are, you ought to come. Brother F. J. Lee or J. S. Llewellyn, one or both, are expected to be with us.

The day services will be for business and hearing reports, and the night services will be evangelistic. We have some good preachers in the state who are full of fire and the Holy Ghost, and we want them to come tanked up for this meeting.

We will have many good reports, I am sure, for the Church of God in Kentucky is on a boom. Many are receiving the Holy Ghost, and there have been some new churches set in order. So if you want to know the truth about the Church of God in this state, in this convention will be the place to get it.

SO COME! COME!!

G. A. Fore,
State Overseer of Kentucky.

NOTICES

If any one knows where I can buy a second hand folding organ in good shape, please write me at Plant City, Fla.
H. J. Thomas.

Any help given in any way towards building a church house at Lando, S. C., will be greatly appreciated, as they are weak in number. W. D. Hefner, Clerk, Lando, S. C., Box 86.

Claud McGee has been excluded from the Church at Towncreek, Ala., so is no longer a member of the Church of God. He will do to watch. Minnie Knouff, clerk, Towncreek, Ala.

The Church of God at Kentwood, La., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Susan Konegay. Last heard from at Skanlin, La. Carrie Richard, clerk, Box 56, Kentwood, La.

To All the Churches in Georgia: H. J. Murphy is not a preacher in the Church of God with Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

S. W. Latimer State Overseer.

On the fifth Sunday in March we will have an old time Union Meeting in the Church of God at Selma, N. C. Everybody is invited, and especially all holiness people. Come and let us have a feast.

L. M. Howell,
Selma, S. C.

I would like to hear from the following members of the Church of God at Anniston, Ala.: Mrs. Laura Bass, William Adams, Mrs. Maggie Noles, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest J. Ward. If anyone knows anything about them please notify us. J. A. Neighbors 325 Mulberry St., Anniston, Ala.

To the Churches in Oklahoma: I have appointed Brother E.

HELPS FOR THE TEMPTED

Mrs. Bertie Harrison.

The Faith That Counts

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."—1 Peter 1:7.

Oh, it isn't hard to trust Him
When the sun is shining bright,
When the days of life are flowing
In a stream of sweet delight,
When you're winning all your battles,
And there's nothing going wrong,
It is easy then to trust Him,
And to sing a happy song.

But where'er the sun is hiding,
And the clouds are hovering round,
When your troubles come to meet you,
And you find you're losing ground,
When the outlook's far from rosy,
And, in fact, it's very blue,
It is then it's easy telling
What there is of faith in you.

But the God Who's in the sunshine,
And Who's with you when you win,
Will be with you when you're losing
If you'll just have faith in Him;
For He works His plans together,
And they'll end up for the best
If you'll put your trust in Jesus,
And let Him do all the rest.

Selected.

As I study this poem I am sending as God's message of comfort and cheer to you this week, it brings back memories of other days to me when God was taking me through some hard difficult places, which I did not then understand. First may I say that to-morrow, Mar. 10th, is the sixteenth anniversary of the day that the blessed Comforter came in to abide. Could I have lifted the veil at that time and peered out into the future and beheld the dark tunnels and forests I must pass through, the high and dangerous trestles over which this heaven bound train was to pass would I have said, yes to God? But O, how blessed that our God did not allow the veil to be lifted, but expected me to put my hand in His and be led step by step, along this great highway of holiness. It has truly been wonderful how He has

led me and stood with me all these years, even in the midst of terrible failures. Glory to Jesus. Oh how He revealed Himself to me many times right in the midst of battle.

Once when the enemy seemed to be surrounding me on all sides and I could not see my way out, broken and bleeding I went into the room where I was accustomed to go for prayer, and there I fell prostrate upon the floor crying, "Oh God, when I'm so willing to work and win souls for you, why is it I'm so hedged in?" In an instant a vision of the road to Heaven appeared before me, a beautiful bright shining way; but across the road now and then was a thick thorny hedge which was impossible to pass through. As I looked I said, "Lord what does this mean?" He said "These are the hedges which will come in your way, but as you trust Me, I will open them." This has been a great help to me, but sometimes I have tried to get through them myself and before God's time, which only resulted in me being torn by the thorns on this hedge. Oh it means much to "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord," and to see what He is working out in us. Bless His name.

Dear ones my face is set like a flint toward heaven. Is yours? If it were possible or advisable to publish some of the letters which are coming to me, and you could get a glimpse into some of the homes and lives of these precious saints, it would bring tears to your eyes. Won't you take them on your hearts and pray that God will carry them through? Pray that they faint not by the wayside. You whose homes are Christian and loved ones standing together, do not know how to appreciate your privileges. Let us pray one for another.

H. Nelson, of Crescent, Okla., as District Overseer of the following churches: Lawton, Crescent and Sapulpa.

Brother Nelson is a real man of God. I am sure he will prove a blessing to the churches and I sincerely hope you will all give him your hearty support. We are looking for great things from God in Oklahoma in the near future. I will visit you all again just as soon as the weather permits.

J. M. Viney.

To the Members of the Church of God at Twila, Kentucky, Especially to Those Who Are Living Elsewhere:

We have set the first Sunday in April for "Home Coming Day." We want all our members to come home on that day. We will have an all day service and dinner on the ground, and want to make this a day of blessing to all. The Church of God at Twila is on fire for God. Last Sunday night will be long remembered for the glory of God filled the house of the Lord. So all come home on the first Sunday in April and see how your home Church is getting along. If you can't come write a letter to the clerk.

Luther A. Richard, pastor.
Leonard Perciful, clerk.

To the Churches of God on Princeton, W. Va., District:

Our Annual District Convention will convene at Princeton, W. Va., April 3-6. We will have a good program.

All ministers and clerks are expected to come with your reports all ready. Clerks who cannot come will please send in your report so we will know how you are getting along.

The churches on Princeton District are as follows: Kelleyville, Leckie, Gary, Coalwood, McDowell, Clearfork, Briscoe, Clear Creek, Dorothy, Colcord, Lester and Princeton, W. Va.

Our state overseer, E. L. Simmons, will be with us. All are invited. Come prayed up, ready

to shout, sing, testify and pray.
F. W. Rollins, District Overseer, Princeton, W. Va.

BATTLEFIELDS

There are not many of us here, but God is with us, and we are looking for greater things. The weather has hindered some. The church is young here, but moving right along. Pray that God will bless and save souls.

Dear saints let's stand for the Church of God. She is right. Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. Writes W. J. Pierce, Paragould, Ark.

Brother Jas. Ingram, who is in charge of the Church of God at Cincinnati, Ohio is winning great victory. It seemed they were almost out of heart, but Brother Ingram, a truly faithful leader, held on to God and pulled the bell rope of heaven for victory until the angels came, and now they expect to rise and shine for Jesus. Praise His great name for victory!

Brother Wilson went over there from Middletown Saturday eve before the four little orphan daughters of our deceased Sister Peterson were taken to the Cleveland, Tenn. Orphanage on the following Monday, and received a collection from that Church of \$14.00 for the Children. May God bless those people who gave to such a worthy cause.

Irene Bell, Middletown, O.

God has been wonderfully blessing in a meeting here, in which seven have been sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the fold, so we have the devil on the run and much for which to praise God. Every one who reads this pray for the saints to be kept humble and true to Him. Reports Effie Moddeford, Thurber, Tex.

CARNAL MIND

T. P. Douglas
(Continued)

Jacob came to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here am I;" "Who art thou, my son?" And Jacob said unto his father, "I am Esau, thy first born, I have done according as thou badest me; Arise I pray thee, and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me." And Isaac said unto his son, "How is it that thou hast found it so quickly my son?" And he said, "Because the Lord thy God brought it to me." Gen. 27:18-20.

This was still a greater sin, by dragging down the name of the Lord and making God a party to his actions. Jacob is not alone in this offence. How often we see folks doing things that seem altogether out of place, and when asked about it they reply, "The Lord told me to do it," when, if the truth was known, they had not spent five minutes on their knees in prayer regarding the matter. And Isaac said, "Come near me that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not." What a picture, that old blind father feeling of his boy. The voice he recognized, but it did not harmonize with the profession. He discerned him not because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands, and he said, "Art thou my very son Esau?" And he said, "I am." Making no less than five lies told in one conversation, besides making God a party to his deceit. What must have been his feelings as the old father ate and drank, and said, "Come near and kiss me, my son."

As we read it we think of that other traitor, who dealt treacherously with his Lord and Master and betrayed him with a kiss. Is it to be wondered that, burdened with remorse, and the lashing of his conscience, he carried back the money he had received for his deceitfulness, in his attempt at restitution, and afterwards went and hanged himself. But not so with Jacob, for he stands and takes the blessing intended for his brother. We see no excuse for his conduct; but we do see God pointing out a picture of that inborn, inherited, degrading nature, born in the heart of every son and daughter of Adam, on account of which unless we find a perfect cure on this side of the grave, we are hopelessly and eternally shut away from the presence of God.

Listen to a quotation from Dr. Adam Clark, who says, "These should only be preliminary observations to an extended examination of the character, and conduct of Rebekah and her two sons; but this in detail would be an ungracious task, and I wish only to draw the readers' attention to what may under the blessing of God, promote his moral good."

No pious man can read the chapter before him without emotion of grief and pain. A mother teaches her favorite son to cheat and tell most execrable lies; and the just, the impartial God, relates all the circumstances in the most ample and minute detail.

I have already hinted that this is strong proof of the authenticity of the sacred Book. Had the Bible been the work of an impostor, a single trait of this history had never appeared. God, it is true had purposed that the elder should serve the younger, but never designed that the supremacy should be brought about in this way. Had Jacob's mother left the matter in God's hands, her favorite son would have had the precedence in such a way, as would not only have manifested the justice and holiness of God, but would have been both honorable and lasting to himself. He got the birthright, and he got the blessing, and how little benefit did he derive from either. What was his life from this time until his return from Padan-aram? It was one of disappointments and calamities. God has sufficiently marked the whole with his disapprobation.

Let us carefully note that it

is not so much the man we are trying to bring to your view; but a picture of that depraved nature that rules every unsanctified heart. Judas received the silver he bargained for, but he also received that which he had not reckoned on. Jacob got the coveted blessing but he also got more than he bargained for; he got the hatred of his brother, which placed him in danger of losing his life.

God's holy Word says, "The wages of sin is death." "Esau hated Jacob," * * * and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob." Gen. 27:34-41. What a price to pay, lying to and deceiving his old blind father; making God a party to his deceitfulness, incurring the hatred of his brother, and making him a murderer at heart. As ye sow, so shall ye reap—and surely the reaping time begins at once, with Jacob and his mother. She might have had her boy with her to comfort her in her old days, but now it cannot be so. If he remains at home his brother will kill him, and so his mother must practice more deceit to help him out of trouble; so again she calls Jacob and informs him of his brother's threat, and lays her plans before him and then goes to Isaac to execute them. Esau knows the course his mother is taking to help his brother in cheating him out of what rightfully belongs to him. How can a son have confidence in a parent that he knows has deceived him.

Some times we wonder what some parents will say at the judgment. They make a profession of religion, but their lives are so contrary to their profession that their children turn against the salvation that Jesus offers. And why do they turn away? Simply because they think salvation only amounts to what they see in the lives of their parents; and that, they turn from them in disgust. Is it to be wondered at, that the young people of our day are so hard to reach? Is it to be wondered at, that they care nothing for salvation? We say no.

How different this is from the picture of Enoch of old who had the testimony that he pleased God; or of Abraham of whom it was said, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he had spoken of him." Gen. 18:19.

Rebekah goes to Isaac and tells him that she is weary of her life, because of the daughters of Heth, in other words, she has no motherly love or regard for her two daughters-in-law and wished Isaac to send Jacob away that he may go to her father's house and take a wife, which plan carried all right, but, oh, what a price. The Bible narrative mentions her no more only to say where she was buried. The record says Isaac sent Jacob away.

We may plan and scheme, and may succeed in carrying out our plans; but if our plans are not in harmony with God's law, we will only suffer loss. How much better to wait on God.

The story is told of a series of evangelistic meetings, being held in a certain Eastern State. A young man had been attending the services for several evenings and seemed to be deeply interested. One evening he was approached by one of the brethren, and asked, "Are you a Christian?" He said, "No sir." Then he was asked, "Don't you want to be?" "I can hardly answer that question," was the reply. The brother continued, "Do you not believe in Christianity?" "Well I don't know. If I believe what the preachers say is Christianity, then I think I would like to enjoy it, but if I take the action of those two women who sit there just a few seats ahead of me, to be a type of Christianity, then sir, I would not want to live such a life at any cost," was his answer. "Why what was the action of those women to do

TESTIMONIES

I want to praise God for His son, Allie Driggers, Tampa, Fla. wonderful healing power. I have been down with chills and fever for seventy-one days and the dear Lord has wonderfully healed me. Praise the Lord.

I was a backslider, but through a good mother's and father's prayers I have been wonderfully reclaimed, and I love the Lord better than ever before. When I was sick the dear Lord gave me the twenty-third Psalm. Let us move on and press the battle, and be bold, strong, and brave for Him.

Your brother in Christ,
L. Hall, Branford, Fla.

I want to praise God today for the plan of salvation. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and trusting the Lord for my body. I praise Him for the Church of God. She is shining in all the world. Praise His name. I want to praise Him for the privilege of attending meetings here where holiness is needed very badly.

I praise God for the Church of God which will stand when the world is on fire.

Pray for my baby who has had his cheek bone broken.

Therry Smith, R. 2, Corona, Ala.

I want to praise the Lord tonight for that deep settled peace in my soul, and for the realization that I have peace with God through Jesus Christ the Savior of the world. Behold Him! how humble, how lovely, how good and delightful He is. How good it is for us to walk with Him and talk with Him, and be a personal friend of His, and permit Him to be a personal friend to us. Let us walk and talk with Jesus, and take Him as our friend, our adviser, our shepherd, and protector; and keep the peace which He alone affords.

A. C. Smith,
402 Wash. Ave. Waycross, Ga.

My soul is overflowing with praise this A. M. It is wonderful what the Lord is doing here. We have cottage prayer meeting here every week and God pours out His blessings every time we come together. Praise His name! The power fell one night in the meeting in Brother Medling's home and a hot lamp globe was handled under the power of the precious Holy Ghost. A message was given out in tongues and interpreted by Sister Janey Moore; "Get ready, hurry up, stay humble, what ye do must be done quickly." I wish to say we certainly do appreciate our new pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister R. P. John-

with the question," the brother asked. "Well to me it has much to do with it. They are both members of this church. They have been in attendance each night that we have been here. They have not bowed their heads in time of prayer, though the evangelist has repeatedly requested all to do so. On the contrary they watch and take items of all that is done, of the words and actions of the evangelist, and others who may speak or pray, and then the following day at home endeavor to act it out, mimicking the evangelist and others, in what they have said, either in their testimonies or prayers. They laugh and jeer and make a burlesque of all that takes place. Yet sir, they are both members of this church. If that is Christianity I never want it, nor would I want to be a Christian," "Why," said the astonished brother, "You seem to know all about those women. Who are they, pray?" "One of them is my mother, the other is her sister," he replied, as he started to leave the building. "Don't go now," said the brother, but with a pale face and trembling lips he replied, "Excuse me, sir, but I shall be going," and out he went and did not return, though the meeting continued for some time. That mother by her words and actions stood square in the way of her son's salvation, and what will she say at the judgment when confronted by him?

Allie Driggers, Tampa, Fla.

How I do praise my God today for salvation that redeems from sin.

Although today is dark and gloomy the sunlight of my precious Savior shines around me and in my heart. Bless His dear name forever. Oh, I am so glad to know my Lord, and have a desire in my heart to do His blessed will. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will ever be found at the foot of the cross. I pray God to help the sinner to fall out with sin and come to the Lord.

God bless all of the workers at Cleveland and carry on the good work until Jesus comes.

A Church of God sister,
Dora E. Davidson, Imboden, Ark.

I want to sound a note of praise for my Savior. He is so dear to me. I want to thank Him for saving me and sanctifying me, and for the blessed Holy Ghost that abides in my soul.

I want to thank God for adding me to the great Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. Well glory! I can feel the waves of glory sweep through my soul as I write. I am settled. My heart is fixed, and I mean to go through with Jesus.

I am trusting Him for both soul and body, and I know He is able to keep me.

Saints, pray for me that I may keep humble and do His will at all times.

Your brother under the blood,
E. L. Rush, Schofield, Va.

Will you please move over a little and give me a place in this happy band, for I feel the fire burning in my soul and a go ye spirit to tell of the wonderful love of Jesus? He so sweetly saved my soul when I was lost in sin, sanctified me with His precious blood and filled me with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4.

How I love Jesus because He first loved me. I am a member of the Church of God and am trying to tell others about it. Paul said except these abide in the ship ye cannot be saved. As for myself, I am going to stay in the old ship of Zion. I would be afraid to get out, for Jesus is coming back after His Bride and I want to go up with Him. Hallelujah to our King! It is over fifteen miles to the nearest Church of God, and I don't get to go as often as I would like.

I have preaching in my home one Sunday in the month, and a prayer meeting every Wednesday. Please pray for us here that we may shine for Jesus, and that many souls will be saved. Mrs. Vernon Hyson.

I want to praise God for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gave utterance.

I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost two years ago the 29th of last April, and He still abides. Praise the Lord!

I praise God for a determination in my heart to go on, and by His grace I mean to stay humble and true, down at the foot of the cross. I praise Him for this highway of holiness; and for adding me to the great Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth: the one He purchased with His own blood. I am praising the Lord for His healing power. He has healed me many times. I believe every word in the Bible.

There are only three of us here who have the Holy Ghost. We have many trials and tests, but God says that His grace is sufficient. He is keeping me every day under the blood. I am asking God for a greater portion of His Spirit, to take me through the trials and temptations of this life in these last days. Pray much for me, that I will let my light shine, and do what God would have me do and win souls for Him. Essie Reaugh, Olney, Ill.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

"Let your requests be made known unto God."

Please pray for a wrecked home. This trouble is more than I can bear.

A troubled sister.

Pray that my husband may be saved. He is a believer. Pray for me. Bertha Cagle, Nauvoo, Ala.

Please pray for my husband that he will get the power of God in His life so that he may stand by my side and help bring up our children in the right way.

A sister.

Please pray for my little girl's eyes to be healed and that my husband and loved ones will be saved before it is too late. Mrs. Willie Richardson, McEwen, Tenn.

I want the saints everywhere to pray for God to heal me of chronic ear trouble of long standing. Pray also that I may ever stand true and do the Lord's will.

Mrs. Lula Davis, Lakeland, Fla.

Pray for my husband and three children that God may save their souls before it is too late. Pray that I may ever be a soul winner and stay humble at His feet. Eliza McFarland, Harlan, Ky.

Please pray for my unsaved husband. Also pray for my sister-in-law to be healed. I sent a handkerchief to be anointed and she has been helped but please pray that she may be entirely healed.

Cynda Ellison, Trough, S. C.

Please pray for misery in my back and head. I am in very bad health. Pray that I may be healed and stand true to God. Also that my husband may be saved and that my children will be kept in health. Callie Terry, Bethune, S. C.

Please pray that I may be healed of a severe trouble. Also that my husband will be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Would like to correspond with saints around Emory, Tex.

Mrs. Nancy M. Hamrick, Emory, Tex.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my body of a serious trouble. I have been trusting the Lord fully for about 5 years, but it seems I can't get the victory. And now I appeal to the saints wherever you are to please pray for me. I know He can and does heal people, for I have seen many healed. M. F. Timmerman, Haylow, Ga.

I ask all God's dear children who read this to go down on your knees and pray as never before for my dear mother who is 70 years old. She is in the way that seems to be right but

TRUE LIGHT IS SHINING IN MARYLAND

Dear Evangel Family:

We are praising the Lord this morning because the true light of the Church of God is shining upon the children of God in Maryland. There has been many troubled minds in this place, but the precious Holy Ghost is leading all who will be lead, and signs and wonders are being manifested in our midst.

As we exalt the Christ and the Church of God (His body), and lift up the Bible standard of full salvation, God is setting His seal upon the truth by pouring out the great Holy Ghost power. The saints are dancing, talking in tongues and handling hot lamp chimneys. Truly God is vindicating the right in the eyes of the people and the signs are following. Some have remarked that they are getting back to the place they were about three years ago, when the dear old Church of God was first set in order here. Eighteen have come out boldly and declared their allegiance to the Church of God, and many more are looking this way. We are just praying and admonishing them to pray until God reveals the truth to them. Some of the saints said that they once believed they were in the Church of God, but now they know they are in it. God is getting His true children more firmly established than ever before. Praise the Lord!

As the saints yield to the Spirit of God, and Jesus is revealed in our lives, sinners are being convicted, and we expect a great ingathering of souls in the near future.

Pray for Maryland, that the Church of God will go from the North to the South and from the East to the West.

Yours in His service,
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Potat.

TELEGRAM

I wish to request the saints everywhere to pray for my wife to be completely healed and regain her strength that she may be able to go on the battlefield again soon. She is just recovering from a very severe spell of fever and is very weak in body.

Yours, E. Haynes. Bradentown, Fla.

NOTICE

There will be special services at Sale Creek March 22nd and 23rd. Brother Let-singer is expected to be with us. We expect a good time. W. F. Bryant, District Overseer.

the end is death. Pray for my three boys who once knew the Lord but are now back in the world. Their father is dead. Pray that I may be faithful. Susan Reser, Omaha, Neb.

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